How Uncle Sam Collects His Crop Statistics; "Leaks" Will Occur In Spite of Keenest Vigilance



the chief statistician opened and Assistant Secretary Willet N. Hays appeared, bearing in his hand a dozen sheets of paper covered with figures. These papers were selzed eagerly by a dozen waiting messenger boys, who rushed off with them to the telegraph

Then Mr. Hays drew a long breath. "Two hours ago I had no idea what those totals would be," he mused. "I'll be mightly surprised, though, if there a story in some paper tomorrow rning about those same totals being known to certain favored stockbrokers everal days. 'Twas ever thus."

r. Hays had not miscalculated. On following morning all the leading es in the country published the report and commented freely upon it. e of them did little more than hint darkly at abuses which seemed to prethe department. Some of them ed in full the charges of the Southern Cotton Growers' association that the reports of the cotton crop were ored" systematically and furnishadvance to favored operators. But this was by no means the beginning of the trouble. For months the criticism and accusation had been going on. Charges had been preferred against some of the department employees, and some of them had been asked to resign. The most recent crop reports were less satisfactory than ever. It was charged boldly by those most interested that "leaks" were occurring constantly. Secret service agents reported that incriminating evidence could be found against more than one trusted clerk in the statistician's office. Some of them had become rich in a most unexplainable and mysterious The president demanded speedy reform. Secretary Wilson began an overhauling of the department. From the first he exhibited a willingness to co-operate with all outside efpartial investigation and showed in authority

About a year ago a sharp attack was made on Chief Statistician John Hyde sive organization, in view of its size by a combination of cotton growers, in existence. The total appropriation The matter created a good deal of dis- for the support of the bureau of statiscussion and ill feeling, and there was ties is only \$190,000 a year. Out of this talk of a congressional investigation, sum must be paid the salaries of the but nothing was done at the time. The chief statistician, a large corps of as- are at least 40,000 township corre- own judgment and are men of standing or his assistant goes over to the office consequence, having for its head a member of the chief statistician to witness the member of the president's cabinet. In hard to readise that the methods em- wheat, out and barley crop. In July farmers, who are called upon twice a distributed to the office force by the of the expected report. It is equally in- who has given any attention to the sub-

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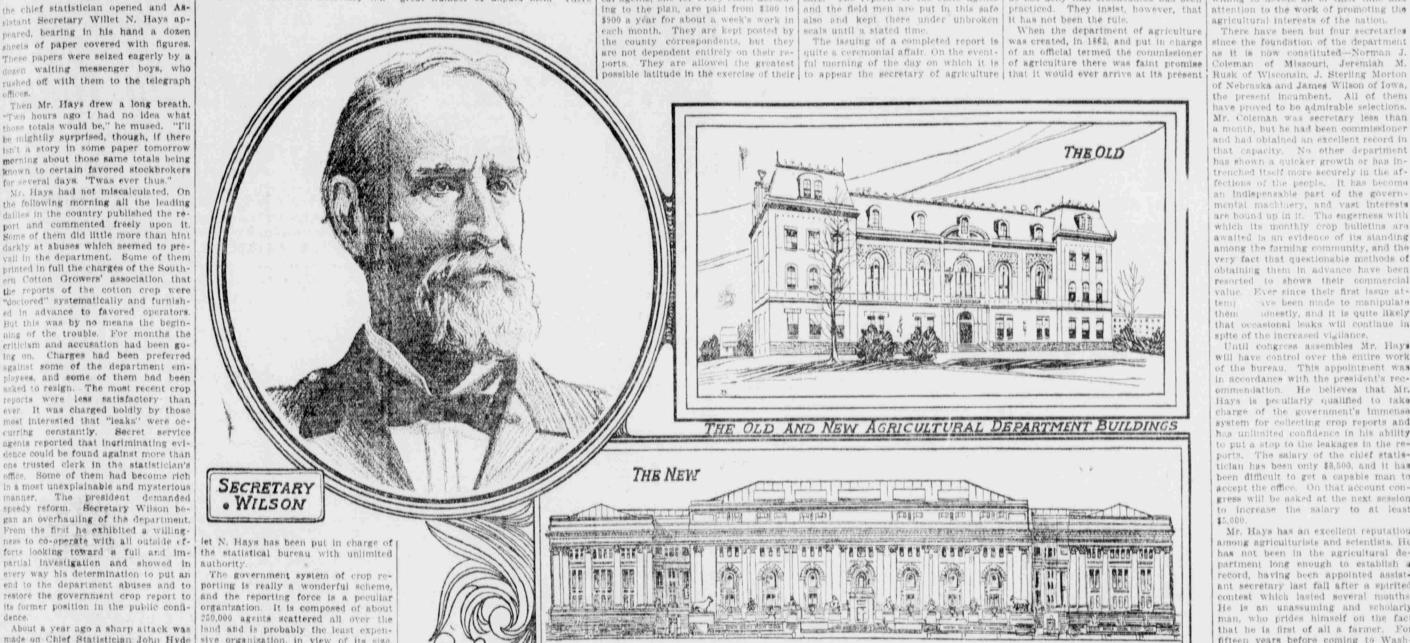
of Nebraska and James Wilson of Iowa, the present incumbent. All of them have proved to be admirable selections. Mr. Coleman was secretary less than month, but he had been commissioner and had obtained an excellent record in that capacity. No other department has shown a quicker growth or has intrenched itself more securely in the affections of the people. It has become an indispensable part of the governmental machinery, and vast interests are bound up in it. The engerness with which its monthly crop bulletins are awaited is an evidence of its standing among the farming community, and the very fact that questionable methods of obtaining them in advance have been resorted to shows their commercial value. Ever since their first issue at-tem; ave been made to manipulate idnestly, and it is quite likely that occasional leaks will continue in

spite of the increased vigilance. Until congress assembles Mr. Hays will have control over the entire work of the bureau. This appointment was in accordance with the president's recommendation. He believes that Mr. Hays is peculiarly qualified to take charge of the government's immensa system for collecting crop reports and has unlimited confidence in his ability to put a stop to the leakages in the reports. The salary of the chief statistician has been only \$3,500, and it has been difficult to get a capable man to accept the office. On that account congress will be asked at the next session increase the salary to at least

Mr. Hays has an excellent reputation among agriculturists and scientists. Ho has not been in the agricultural department long enough to establish a record, having been appointed assist-ant secretary last fall after a spirited contest which lasted several months He is an unassuming and scholarly man, who prides himself on the fact that he is first of all a farmer, fifteen years before coming to Washington he had been a professor in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota. His specialty has been plant breeding, and his successes in that direction have made him famous

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touching the question of giving, we I uch the most vital point pertaining to cration and spiritual power of irch. In saying this, we speak rience, as we certainly speak ing to Scripture, "Bring ve all

ithes into the storehouse. prove me now herewith, saith the of hosts, if I will not open the ndows of heaven, and pour you out lessing that there shall not be room ough to receive it." Here, plainly, giving of tithes is made the condiof an abundant outpouring of the art. The spiritualizing method of g Scripture, which robs us of I truth by frittering away in metaphor and simile, obed us of the real signifitext. Prayer, testimony, enlal-how often do we utles mentioned as sumfulfilling the requirements But "tithes" means money operty of equivalent value; usion of God's Spirit is here ugent upon bringing in these paying up these dues to the of his income was re-Jew to be set apart, and oted to God's treasury. And first tenth, and not the first-fruits, not the dregs. And while the amount def in the New Testament, st day of the week, le you lay by him in store prospered him" (I Cor, re is consecrated glvlng— store—a certain sum set nade sacred to God's use, thereafter one should no of using for himself than link of taking the same his neighbor's pocket. And oportionate giving—"as God ered him." Ought the probe any less under the Gosmach the law? Surely not member that we have as our one who "though he was rich, sakes became poor, that we, is poverty, might be rich;" we have the precept of this tich no ingenuity can ex-Whoseever he be of you th not all that he hath y disciple." In the light standards, who can say we ought not to give one-income to the Lord? If who has never tried it the experiment, conscien-wing it through to the end and in adversity, we pretwo surprises. First, he onished at the increased chich he is enabled by this give to the Lord; and, sec-will be astonished at the in-piritual and temporal pros-lich the Lord will give to him, we that here is an instance Lord actually makes a chal-lis people, and sets up a test

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apture in connection with others,

we find that there are two points to be

1. That faithful and proportionate giving will be rewarded with superabundant spiritual blessing. The state-ment does not require proof, since experience has stamped it already as an axiom. Other things being equal, that Christian who opens the broadest outlet for charity will find the widest inlet for the Spirit. The health of a human for the Spirit. The health of a human body depends upon its exhalations as well as upon its inhalations. It is reported that a boy who was to personate a shining cherub in a play, on being covered over with a coating of gold-leaf, which entirely closed the pores of the skin, died in consequence, before relief could be afforded. Woe to the Chystian who gets an gold-leafed. the Christian who gets so gold-leafed over with his wealth, that the pores of his sympathy are shut, and the outgoings of his charity restrained! He is thenceforth dead spiritually, though he

thenceforth dead spiritually, though he may have a name to live.

2. That faithful and proportionate giving will be rewarded with abundant temporal prosperity. This is a saying hard to be received, but it has the emphatic support of Scripture. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first-fruits of all thine-increase; so shall thy barry be filled with planty. so shall thy barns be filled with plenty so shall thy carns be filed with pienty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. (Prov. iii: 9, 19). This is but one specimen of many from the Old Testament. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke vi: 38). Do we believe these words of our Lord? and can we ques-tion that they refer to abundant temporal returns in recompense for abundant giving?
Let us now throw light upon this sub-

ject from a few inserted leaves from a pastor's note-book.

One says—
"I knew a widow of limited means who was remarkable for her liberalty to benevolent objects. But a sad change came into her life by an unexpected legacy which made her wealthy, and then her contributions began to fall below the amount of her strattened finances. Once she yountered, now she low the amount of her straitened finances. Once she volunteered; now she only gives when importuned, and then it is as meager as if the fountains of gratitude had dried up. Once when asked by her pastor to help a cause dear to her heart in her comparative poverty, and to which she gave five dollars then, now she proffers twenty-five cents. Her pastor called her attention to the surprising and ominous change. 'Ah!' she said, 'when day by

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day I looked to God for my bread, I ; had enough to spare; now I have to look to my ample income, and I am all the time haunted with the fear of losing it and coming to want. I had the guinea heart when I had the shilling neans; now I have the guinea means and the shilling heart. It is a fearfu risk to heart and soul, to become sud-denly rich. This is one of the rea-sons why God lets many of his best children acquire wealth so slowly, so that it may not be a snare to them, may not chill their benevolence: that, when wealth comes, the fever of am-bitious grasping may be cooled, and that benevolence may overtake avar-

Now, the only way to avoid this peril is to cultivate two habits, and let them grow side by side—the habit of economy and the habit of charity. If one's economy grows steadily and alone, it will tend to dry up his charity: if one's charity grows steadily, it will dry up his means, unless balanced by the other virtue of economy. Therefore let both grow together, then our giving will increase just in proportion o our getting.

But let us introduce another illustra-tion furnished from a pastor's observa-

friend, read his pastor a page from life's history to this effect: When a small boy, he gave his heart to Christ. He was engaged in a brickyard to carry clay, often on his head, for twenty-five cents a day. Then he vowed that oneemptations and more strength to meet hem, whose income is \$6 a month, han \$83314.' He regained wealth, but t was in strict compliance with the cow of his youth, which his disaster mabled him to fulfil until his death."

Here is an instance of negative proof:
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viz., that "there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." The positive proof would no doubt fill volumes, were it written out. There is a Christian league in this country, banded together to promote systematic giving. It brings every member into covenant to keep a strict account with the Lord, and to render him one-tenth of the income. An annual report is made by each member, giving a statement of his business and spiritual prosperity. The secretary recently told us that the results have been surprising even to the most sanbeen surprising even to the most sangulne advocates of the tithing system; that not only has the income of the missionary societies receiving the funds been greatly increased, but that, out of thousands entering into this league, all but two or three have reported greatly increased business prosperity. Are there not some things to be proved which we have not yet dreamed of either in our philosophy or our mathematics?

We give another instance from a well known life. We find the statement in print, and believe, from what we in print, and believe, from what we have heard, that it is substantially cor-"Many years ago a lad of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune.

All his worldly possessions were tied up in a bundle, which he carried in his hand. As he trudged along, he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canal boat; and the following conversation took place, which changed the whole current of the boy's life: current of the boy's life:
"'Well, William, where are you go-

is too poor to keep me at home any longer, and soys I must now make a living for myself.

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"There's no trouble about that,' said the captain. Be cure you start right, and you'll get along finely."
"William told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soap and candle making, at which he had helped his father while at home.
"Well,' said the old man, 'let me pray with you once more, and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go,'

or.

"They both kneeled down upon the tow-path (the path along which the horses which drew the canal-boat walked); the dear old man prayed earnestly for William, and then gave this advice; for William, and then gave this advice; 'Some one will soon be the leading soap-maker in New York. It can be you as well as any one. I hope it may, Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound; and I am certain you will yet be a prosperous and rich man.

erous and rich man.'
"When the boy arrived in the city he cardy a day. Then he vowed that one-tenth of his income he would give to his God. This he conscientiously did, and prosperity followed until his income was \$10,000; and then the trial of his life came, in which he went down in the came of the cam first dollar he earned brought up the swept all away. I learned what I had not known before—that it is easier to give one-tenth of \$72 than of \$10,000. A man is truer to God who works for twenty-five cents a day, and has less temptations and more strength to meet. manded to give one-tenth; so he said.
'If the Lord will take one-tenth, I will give that,' And so he did; ten cents of every dollar were sacred to the Lord

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'He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain; he made an honest soap, gave a full pound, and instructed soap, gave a full pound, and instructed his bookkeeper to open an account with the Lord, and carry one-tenth of all his income to that account. He prospered; his business grew; his family was blessed; his soap sold, and he grew rich faster than he had ever hoped. He then gave the Lord two-tenths, and prospered more than ever; then he gave three-tenths, then four-tenths, then five-tenths.

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